Definition of Race and Ethnic Categories Used for Federal Reporting

Ethnicity:

Hispanic/Latino

A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Race Categories:

American Indian or Alaska Native

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American

A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

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A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Ancestry

A student may volunteer his or her ancestry rather than answering "yes" to the Hispanic/Latino ethnicity question. The following is a list of Hispanic ancestry groups to which Hispanic individuals may refer themselves:

Balearic Islander Gallego Valencian Mexican American Mexicano Chicano Mexican State Costa Rican Guatemalan Panamanian Salvadoran Central American Bolivian Chilean Colombian Peruvian Uruguayan Venezuelan Latin American Latino Puerto Rican Spanish Californio Tejano	Canary Islander La Raza Honduran Canal Zone Ecuadorian Criollo Dominican Nuevo Mexicano	Mexican Mexican American Indian Nicaraguan Argentinean Paraguayan South American Hispanic Spanish American
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Selecting a Race

In general, the new federal requirements conflate race and geographic/national origin. For example, "White" is defined to include people who originate from Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. Though not an exhaustive list, the following chart may help in connecting geographic/national origin with a race, as defined in the *Guidance*:

If an individual considers him- or herself to be:	or comes from one of the following countries or regions:	and assuming single-race, the individual may be identified as:
European American	Northern Europe such as: Britain (Scotland, Ireland, Wales) Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden Western Europe such as: Belgium, France, Holland, Luxembourg Central Europe such as: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland Eastern Europe such as: Belarus, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine Southern Europe such as: Bosnia, Catalonia, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain Other such as: Caucasus, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan	White
Middle Eastern American	Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Saudi Arabia, Syria. Turkey, Yemen	e, White
North African American	Algeria, Egypt, Morocco	White
Black, African American, Afro-American	Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Ethiopia, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Nigriti South Africa, Sudan, Tobago, Trinidad, West Indies, Zaire	Black ,
Asian American	Asian Indian, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, China, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Okinawa, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lankan, Thailand, Vietnam; or ancestry groups such as Hmongs, Mongolians, Iwo Jiman, Maldivian	Asian
Pacific Islander	Caroline Islands, Fiji, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tarawa Islands, Tonga	Pacific Islander
Australian or New Zealander—not an indigenous person	Australia, New Zealand	White
Aborigine, Indigenous Australian, Torres Straits Islander, Melanesian	Australia, New Zealand, Torres Straits Islands	Pacific Islander

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Languages can be an indication of an individual's race and ethnicity. Of the more than 5,000 languages and dialects spoken in the world, these are the ten most common ones and their probable "race/ethnicity" designations:

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